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The Honorable Colorado House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
200 E. Colfax Ave.  
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Dear Members of the Colorado House of Representatives:

Today, I vetoed House Bill 16-1231, "Concerning the Limited Use of Automated Vehicle Identification Systems Designed to Detect Disobedience to a Traffic Signal," at 2:09 PM.

Last year, we wrote to the General Assembly on several occasions in agreement that use of traffic photo-enforcement tools should be limited and used only in a manner that instills trust in government and confidence that public safety is paramount. Specifically, we requested the General Assembly to enact legislation that:<sup>1</sup>

"... limits photo-radar and red light cameras to only the following locations: (1) school zones; (2) construction and roadway work zones; and (3) areas with disproportionately high traffic and pedestrian accidents, injuries, and fatalities. Secondly, legislation should require that fine revenue be used solely for traffic safety improvements and enforcement, rather than general operating funds or non-transportation purposes."

House Bill 16-1231 implements no such reasonable limitations. Rather, the bill enacts a State-imposed blanket-ban of red light cameras for all municipalities, denying communities the right to decide for themselves based on their own traffic safety needs. Accordingly, HB 16-1231 is vetoed.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

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<sup>1</sup> HB 15-1098 Veto Message from John Hickenlooper, Governor, State of Colo., to Colo. House of Representatives (June 3, 2015); SB 15-276 Veto Message from John Hickenlooper, Governor, State of Colo., to Colo. Senate (June 3, 2015); Letter from John Hickenlooper, Governor, State of Colo., to Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Speaker, Colo. Gen. Assembly and Bill Cadman, President, Colo. Gen. Assembly (Apr. 30, 2015).